Schemes for Remote and Naxal-Hit Areas

1542. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes implemented so far in remote areas and naxal-hit areas of the country;

(b) whether any special packages of budget has been released to remote areas and naxal-hit areas of the country for developmental works to solve their socio-economic problems, in the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and schemes proposed to be taken for immediate implementation in all the remote areas and naxal-hit areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The Government recognizes that the problem of naxalism needs to be tackled on both security and development fronts. As part of the strategy to tackle this problem, in addition to the normal developmental and social sector schemes, the following steps have been taken: (i) The State Governments have been advised to accord a higher priority in the annual plans to ensure integrated development of the naxalite affected districts; (ii) Additional allocation is being placed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to execute rural roads in the naxalite affected areas, (iii) fortification, upgradation of police stations in terms of infrastructure, weaponry, communication equipment and mobility in naxalite affected districts under Police Modernization (PM) Scheme, (iv) Reimbursement of 50% of the expenditure incurred by the States on security related items such as, *ex-gratia* paid to families of the victims of naxalite violence, providing logistic and camp facilities, amounts spent on special training given to State Police personnel, etc. under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, (v) The Backward Districts Initiative component of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana covers 147 districts including 51 districts affected by left wing extremism. Under this component, a sum of Rs. 15 crore per annum is allocated to each district for three years. In addition, 4 districts affected by left wing extremism are also covered under the Special Plan for the eight KBK districts of Orissa.

(b) and (c) The required information is given in the Statement (*see* below)

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Funds released under various schemes for extremist affected districts (Rs. in crore)

Sl.No	Name of the Scheme	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Police Modernization (PM) Scheme	-	-	296.00
2.	Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme	16.34	9.54	8.31
3.	(i) Special Plan for the 8 KBK districts of Orissa	-	200.00	250.00*
	(ii) Backward Districts Initiative	-	-	202.50**

Note: Police modernization scheme initiated in 2003-04; Backward Districts Initiative in 2003-04 and Special Plan for the KBK districts in 2002-03

* Out of this amount, Rs. 25.00 corre was released in April, 2004

** Out of this amount, Rs. 30.00 crore was released in April, 2004

Utilization of Foreign Exchange for Projects

1543. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the planning Commission has finalized a plan to utilize the foreign exchange reserves to fund infrastructure projects;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission have discussed the matter with the Reserve Bank of India;

(c) the reaction of Reserve Bank of india to the suggestion of the Planning Commission;

(d) whether any formula has been drawn up to withdraw the foreign exchange for specific infrastructure projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?